

The Mouth Of The River

OYSTER RIVER

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Project Graduation in the Works

by Steve West

The 1986 edition of Oyster River's Project Graduation was introduced to parents and students Wednesday evening, March 19, at an organizational meeting in the high school library.

The meeting featured slides of the past two years' events and discussion on this year's all-night party for graduating seniors. Project Graduation Chairman Connie Bradshaw outlined the purposes of the June 20 event which is sponsored "as a tribute to the students" by

the Oyster River Educational Workshop. Also, members of the Oyster River SADD chapter donated \$100 to help start the fund-raising effort.

In a recent Senior survey on Project Graduation the students favored "The Works" as the site of the event, the band "Crossfire" for entertainment, and an early morning breakfast also at "The Works".

In accordance with the students' request, "The Works" has been reserved for the evening. Crossfire, however, may not be

available and other entertainment options are currently being researched.

The Mt. Washington cruise ship was the site of the first Project Graduation in 1984. Although the event was considered a success on the whole, the inconveniences of a long bus ride to Lake Winnepesaukee persuaded students to favor a more local event.

Last year's party was also held at "The Works" and was followed by an early morning breakfast at the Tin Palace in Durham.

Seniors are encouraged to assume an active role in

designing a logo for the '86 Project Graduation. The previous "Cruise Around the Clock" and "Putting on the Works" slogans were used widely to help publicize the events. All entries should be submitted on an 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of paper to Ms. Smith. The winner will receive a certificate for a dinner for two and two runners-up will receive \$15 prizes.

Mrs. Bradshaw noted that, "We feel that the students should be involved in a lot of the planning and decision making." In order to do so, Seniors who are willing to contribute their time to Project Graduation are urged to take part in one of the six committees which include: food, entertainment, door prizes, publicity, chaperones, and fund-raising. Interested students may use the sign-up sheet in the library or contact Mrs. Bradshaw.

SADD off to a fresh start

by Dan Stewart

The Oyster River High School chapter of S.A.D.D. held their first meeting of the year in the Home Economics room on Wednesday, March 5 after school.

The new advisors are two nurses from the Wentworth Douglass hospital group called C.A.R.E. (Cancel Alcohol Related Emergencies) and an interested mother. The advisors, Mrs. Suellen McDonough, Mrs. Artie Pelleman, and Mrs. Janice Poulin are helping the group focus on the awareness of drinking and driving, much like the Dover High School chapter of S.A.D.D. The students will also discuss how to hold a "safe" party and how to discourage peers from drinking and driving.

So far, the group (mainly Seniors Sean McCabe and Mike McDonough) have started a safe ride program in which anyone who feels they are too drunk to drive home can call for a ride. The program is active Friday and Saturday nights from

dusk until three A.M. The number to call is 868-7358. All rides are kept confidential.

S.A.D.D. members Senior Cherie Russlee, Juniors Greg Moore, Tom McDonough, Chris Loader, and Sophomore Kristy Cowern are presently involved in interviewing police stations in the area to see if a policy could be adopted to see if people who feel they are too drunk to drive could call the police for a ride home.

The other members of the group are involved in a tour of the Wentworth Douglass Hospital Emergency room to see how victims of D.W.I. accidents are cared for. Some students might actually witness caring for an accident victim so they can relate the experience to their peers at the future assembly.

According to Senior Cherie Russell "S.A.D.D. is a really good group for students. It's not saying don't go out and have a good time or not to party with friends, it's just here

to say take a safe ride home and don't drink and drive."

S.A.D.D. meetings are Wednesdays after school in the Home-Ec room and all interested students are invited to attend.

Drug Awareness

by Kathy Savage

Senior Kathy Savage and Junior Julie Wyrick have been talking to Oyster River fourth, fifth, and seventh graders about problems they will face regarding drugs.

Savage and Wyrick have been discussing, with the young students, different types of drugs, what drugs can do to you, and possible situations they may soon face.

Along with Savage and Wyrick, there are two other high school students who have been visiting with the younger students. Sophomore John Freiermuth accompanied Savage on one of the seventh grade visits, which Wyrick was unable to attend. Freiermuth discussed

the problems his brother, a senior at ORHS, faced since he has been involved in drugs. Another student speaker is Senior Jim Hall. Hall has recently returned from a drug rehabilitation center in Brattleboro, Vt. Hall joined Savage and Wyrick when they talked with the fifth grade the week of March 10 and on March 28.

Freiermuth said, "I hope that they can interpret the information given and make logical decisions in the future."

Wyrick thinks that they are doing something constructive and hopes it will create a catalyst for change.

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New Hits Reviewed

by Kevin Pearsall

Prince & The Revolution
"PARADE"
Produced by: Prince &
The Revolution

The motion picture soundtrack for the forthcoming movie "Under a Cherry Moon," displays yet another synthetic style for Prince and the Revolution. "Parade" the eighth album by the group moderately provides a group effort by the whole Paisley Park family. Sheila E., The Family, Mazarati, and Apollonia contribute they're own special touches on the album.

In 1984, Prince first gained pop stardom with the music and movie "Purple Rain". The project provided a short autobiography of Prince's life and attitude

towards the world. "Parade" on the other hand seems to explain Prince's "fantasy life." One might get the message that Prince's dreams are part of a fairytale world.

The first song on the album "Christopher Tracy's Parade" explains the unique style of Christopher Tracy (Prince's role in the movie). The song describes Tracy as the pride and joy of the world, a one man parade. The album ends with "Sometimes it Snows in April," a lonely yet tender ballad that tells of Tracy's downfall.

"Parade" is definitely one of the most interesting albums in a long time. Whether it be fairytale, adventurous, interesting, etc... "Parade" is by itself, like a cherry on the top.

Teddy Pendergrass
"Workin it back"
Produced by: James
Carmichael

The 1982 car crash that broke Pendergrasses neck and left him paralyzed from the chest down, left no damage to his powerful yet luxurious, romantic voice. This, the second album he has recorded since the accident, has a very sensitive, soothing style. Pendergrass who grew up in Philadelphia first gained attention as lead vocals for Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes.

In the late seventies he went solo and became one of R & B's top names in male vocals. Pendergrass still has that soulful sound throughout this album, from a tender lost in love song written by Ashford & Simpson "Lonely Color Blue," to the avalanching beat of "Never felt like Dancing." The real joy of the album is "Love for 2" written by Pendergrass himself.

The sharp arrangement of both vocals and melody which make it relaxing and appealing at the same time. "Workin it back" is an impressive album, it is encouraging to see that Pendergrass is "workin his way back to the top."

VAN HALEN
"5150"
Produced by: VAN
HALEN

Considered to be America's #1 rock band of the eighties. The "new" VAN HALEN after two years of silence have released their seventh album, "5150."

With David Lee Roth off on a solo career, new lead vocals Sammy Hagar has definitely brought a new sound and style to the group. Hagar who on his own, has released six solo albums, and contributed the style to "5150" what Roth couldn't seem to find.

Hagar's rough cut, yet powerful voice blends in well with the talent and skills of the rest of the group; Eddie Van Halen's Alex Van Halen, and Michael Anthony. All together they perform the kind of "real" rock and roll that hasn't been heard in a long time. On such tracks as "Best of Both Worlds," and "Why Can't this be Love" Hagars voice and Eddie Van Halens guitar fit together like an apple and its core.

"5150" is the kind of Van Halen that America has been waiting for. It's real rock and roll and as far as "5150" goes, David Lee Roth who?

Sarah Loved It

by Sarah Chorlian

"Pretty In Pink" starring Molly Ringwald, Andrew Macarthy, is a fun, clever film with a clear sense of the 80's mindset, and what kids today go through. It is somewhat of a fairytale about a boy and a girl and how they overcome obstacles of the class differences of the rich and poor. The two end up walking off happily. Viewers are left with a feeling of wanting to walk off with them because they simply make you feel good-everyone loves a happy ending.

Underneath all of the typical aspects of a love story, "Pretty in Pink" touches on some not-so-pretty issues. The audience senses the loneliness "Duckie" feels in his struggle with who he is. The movie also deals with a one-parent

family-an all to common occurrence in the 80's.

The movie portrays an aspect of our society as seen through teenage eyes. There are various groups represented-rich, poor, popular, happy, unhappy.....and of couses the "geeks." Viewers are able to see how these different groups affect each other.

The movie does have a lighter side. It is a delightful story that conjures up some nostalgia. It is fun to see the kids reactions to everyday situations. All teens, today's and those of the past are sure to laugh along together when they relive for the first or the hundredth time their teenage years. You will be smiling as you leave the theater having witnessed today's young generation in action.

"Jam Connection" comes to OR

by Guy Swanson

The Sophomore Class Dance which was held on Friday, March 14 was D-jayed by "The Jam Connection," which is made up of three of Oyster River's own students. They are Seniors, Chris Parks, Kevin Pearsall, and Garth Swanson.

"The Jam Connection" which is a newly assembled group according to Parks, had its first chance to D-Jay on Friday the 14th. They rented their equipment from "The Dream Machine" in Portsmouth.

"The Jam Connection"

will also perform at the Freshman Class Dance on Friday, April 11th. According to freshman class President Pat Casey,"We thought they did a good job at the last dance, in addition they are from our school, so we decided to choose them."

Opinions were mixed about the last dance. Senior Bill Colon said,"I thought it was good, they played a variety of music." Also, Junior Josh Moran commented,"The music was superior to past dances and the D-J's held their own. They deserve a repeat performance."

OR does Operettas too

by Buffy Attenborough

The Oyster River Music Department held its annual spring concert at the Oyster River High School on Thursday, March 20.

The Jazz Band, directed by Ruth Souto, opened the concert at 7:30 p.m. The O.R. Band followed playing "Overture in B Flat", "Suite from Bohemia", and "Tocatta for Band". All were directed by Steve Denson.

The O.R. Chamber Singers sang "Omagnum Mysterium", and "Twelfth Madrigal" from "The Unicorn, Gorgan, and Mantidere", while Junior Heidi Kraus and Senior Scott Shirley performed a scene

from the operetta. The Chamber Singers also sang "Quartet from Amahl and the Night Visitors".

The O.R. Orchestra continued the concert playing, "Introit for Strings" and "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik", and ending the evening was the O.R. Chorale, which sang, "Schick Salsied", "Choose Something Like a Star" and "Ain'a That Good News".

The concert was a preview of the music selections that were performed at the 1986 N.H.M.E.A. Large Group Festival in Gilford and Belmont on March 22.

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Susan B. Anthony Award Recipient at O.R.

by Debby Matusow

Mrs. Elizabeth Whaley, an active feminist and high school teacher at ORHS, was the winner of the 1985 Susan B. Anthony award. Whaley has had long term involvement with women's issues.

This was the second consecutive year that Whaley was nominated, this time from a member of her "Women's Literature for the Community" group, which she has taught for the past five years. Whaley was among 15-20 nominees and considers the award an honor, commenting "if I were going to seek an award, that would be the one I would seek."

This was the seventh annual Susan B. Anthony award ceremony which is held as a fundraiser for the Manchester Y.W.C.A (Young Women's Christian Association).

According to Whaley, "a feminist believes that cultural, social, and economic barriers exist for women. Further, a feminist works in both the private and public spheres to break down barriers. And finally, a feminist looks over her

shoulder to see what she can do for the women coming behind her."

In addition to her busy schedule, Mrs. Whaley finds time to be involved in several other feminist organizations. Working for women's reproductive rights, she is a member of NH NARAL (NH National Abortion Rights Action League). She was a volunteer worker at A Safe

Place in Portsmouth NH, a shelter for battered women, and has served on the Women's Study Advisory Committee at the University of NH.

Whaley has taught a Women's Literature course at ORHS since the spring semester of 1978. "I try to infuse a feminist perspective into all my courses and bring in not only women but other under-represented groups," said Whaley.

On Sunday, March 9, Whaley attended the "March for Women's lives" in Washington D.C. to demonstrate commitment to keeping abortion safe and legal.



Moore wins debate

by Cherie Russell

The debate team of Oyster River High School went to a competition last March 8, at Manchester Central High School.

Junior Greg More of Oyster River takes first place trophy of State Championships. Junior Kerry O'Mally of Mount St. Mary's Seminary won second place and Trophy went to Senior Brigit Searles of Trinity High School.

The debate was held in formal style or regular debate style of Lincoln Douglas Debate.

"The debate topic was, is it preferable to let innocent individuals be harmed than to give in to terrorist demands," said More.

The debate had to be prepared to argue both sides of the subject. The OR members are Juniors Morgan Brown, Tom McDonough, Greg More and advisor; Professor Simms of Communications.

Professor Simms was the advisor in 1985, who helped the group establish their focus and practice. He is currently teaching at the University of New Hampshire.

"Prof. Simms is well studied and accomplished in Communications and brings much to the team," said McDonough.

The next debate will be held in the Catskills of New York on April 11 and 12 all members plan to go along with school principal Geoffery Jones. The group will also attend Miss Gages's english class at OR to

debate and co-teach the class.

The group's three only members will all be Seniors next year and will need to have newcomers join in to possible take over when they retire. According to McDonough, the debate team has been active a couple of years and he would hate to see the interest diminish.

"Cake"

by John Webb

"Cake", a musical co-written by ORHS teachers Richard Tappan and Steve Denson, will be presented in the high school on April 17, twice on April 18, and closing on April 19.

The music was mostly written by Denson especially for "Cake", who decided to co-create the musical with Tappan in the fall of 1984, and both spent most of last summer and fall writing and re-writing the two acts.

The musical takes place in late Eighteenth-Century France on the verge of the French Revolution, with the people of France trying to oust the then present monarchy of King Louis XIV and his wife Marie Antionette. Director Tappan, who wrote the script of the musical, placed the actual



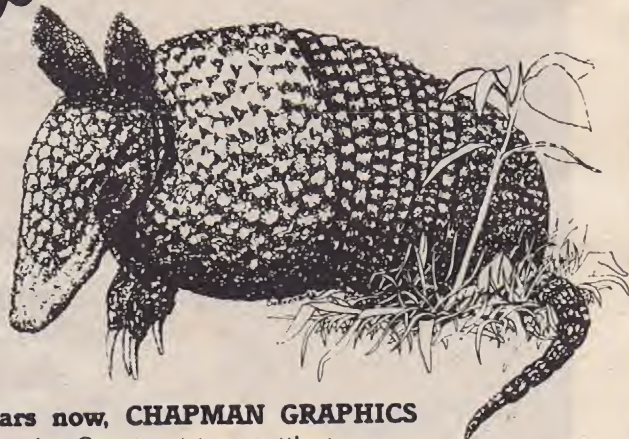
sayings of Marie Antionette and Louis XIV in the script.

The 45 member cast is rehearsing four to five times weekly, getting prepared for their April 17 opening date. Cast member Mile Mrak said of the rehearsals, "we're having fun even though it's a lot of work."



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Fitness in Durham

by Kim Dugas &
Joy Coleman

The Franklin Fitness Center (FFC), opened in Durham this past October. It's 1400 members, both residents and students, participate in a variety of fitness programs.

The F.F.C., located on Jenkins Court, was previously the Franklin Ballroom which offered movies and dancing. After being remodeled last summer, the fitness club now includes hot tubes, saunas an isolation tank, tanning facilities, and a massage table. Their weight room has nautilus equipment, biocycles, rowing machines, and free weights. The FFC also offers qualified instruction in a variety of aerobics classes and private taekwondo classes by the Park School.

L.J., a graduate student in exercise physiology, has worked in the weight room since the Franklin opened. He feels the club was needed by Durham and came at the right time. According to him, the FFC has one of the safest and most effective aerobics program on the seacoast.

L.J. thinks the center is good for the social aspect as well as for physical fitness. He says the staff is excellent, has lots of new ideas, and values input from the club members.

Lynne, a UNH student, teaches aerobics four days a week. She started working in October and really likes her job. She feels the aerobics program has a wide range of classes to suit everyone.

She thinks more local resident members will be needed for the summertime along with highschoolers. She also feels the isolation tank should be noticed and used more than it is, and the non-alcoholic lounge could use a larger turnout but is getting better.

Kelly, a Freshman at UNH, is part of the front desk staff. She enjoys working at the FFC but wishes it was a little less hectic sometimes.

She feels the Franklin is definately an asset to Durham, "it gives people something constructive to do and a chance to meet others. According to Kelly, the Center is working well and keeps everyone happy, and she likes the combination of students and residents.

She says the "Comedy Nights" are popular along with Thursday evening. She'd like to see the Franklin expand though, for additional space and less crowding.

Stephanie, another UNH student, waitresses at Benjamin's four times a week. She also would like to see the Franklin expand, especially the restaurant.

She says "the food is excellent and everything is fresh." She feels the restaurant's business will pick up in the future, and that the Franklin is a very attractive place with a great atmosphere.



Students Employed at FFC

by Kim Dugas
& Debby Matusow

In addition to the 30 high school members there a few Oyster River students employed at the Franklin Fitness Center.

Senior Jeff Kertzer and Junior Nathan Wrightsman work at Benjamin's in food preparation and dish washing. Former employee Junior Simon Bell, prepared food, washed dishes, and also cooked during lunch time.

Jeff has been working there for over six months and is pleased with the atmosphere and facilities. He likes to use weights and nautilus equipment when he's not working. According to

Jeff, "the food is really good, especially the Chicken Stirfry".

Nathan began working in December and feels his fellow employees are "friendly and great to work with". During his free time, Nathan enjoys using the nautilus equipment and attending evening programs.

Simon worked at Benjamin's for seven months, and used spare time on biocycles, lifting weights and relaxing in the hot tub. Simon says "the food is good and prices are reasonable".

Among the three the Restaurant was rated very good and as Jeff put it "if you like good food and a comfortable atmosphere, Benjamin's is the place for you."

Benjamin's

by Debby Matusow

"Eat not to dullness," says the top of the menu at Benjamin's Restaurant in Durham.

Benjamin's Restaurant, inside the Franklin Fitness Center, took it's name from the Franklin Theater, which was formerly located in the same area. The restaurant is open regularly, the same hours as the Fitness Center. Sandwiches are served every day until five p.m. "which doesn't leave a very large selection for dinner," commented an anonymous high school student.

"I think the food is the best thing about this place," said one of the waitresses employed at Benjamin's. Most often the busiest hours of the week are 12:30-1:00 p.m. on Fridays and

Saturdays, and Thursdays and Fridays at dinner time. According to one waitress "the place really could be bigger (especially during the busy hours)."

Many of the customers are also members of the club, but they are still looking for more townspeople and families to eat there. One nonmember commented "it's kind-of noisy but the food is excellent, inexpensive, and there is a very friendly atmosphere."

Prices vary from an average \$3.45 for sandwiches which include steak fries and a pickle, to \$8.95 for a freshly grilled broiled sirloin. The menu offers many low-calorie dishes. Many dishes are served with fresh vegetables or salad. For dessert there



is carrot cake, cheese cake or double chocolate brownies with ice cream, which cost \$1.95 a dish.

The separation of smokers and nonsmokers contributes to "a more pleasant atmosphere," according to former member, ORHS junior, Karen Rogers.

Benjamin's serves a wide variety of foods to suit everyone's taste. This restaurant is best described from it's menu, "Benjamin's...a restaurant for appetites at large."



OR Students take to Fitness

by Joy Coleman

Along with a full fitness program the Franklin Fitness Center also includes Park's Taekwondo School. Sun Woo Park, a fourth degree black belt, a member of the World Taekwondo Federation, and a professional instructor has taken on approximately 35 students in Taekwondo classes.

Park offers a variety of classes for adults and youth both in the morning and the evening. Park said he first expected more students but now realizes that because of the expense and his strict instruction, many turn to the Mill Pond Center's Karate classes. "I would like to have more younger students, both in the high school and the middle school begin classes," but he is not willing to change the program or lessen the quality for that.

Park came to the U.S. 14 months ago with the ambition to "spread and develop Taekwondo throughout New England" Park began Taekwondo 14 years ago in Korea where he resided in Seoul until he came here. Park said in time he hopes to open branches of his school throughout New England.



by Joy Coleman

Thirty High School Students participate in a variety of the activities offered at the Franklin Fitness Center (FFC).

According to former member, Junior Debby Matusow, students go to aerobic and Taekwondo classes, use the nautilus and free-weights, hot tubs, tanning booths, and the isolation tank are occasionally used.

Senior, Kim Kulp has been a member at the FFC since it opened this past October and hopes to continue her membership. Kulp said she participates in aerobic classes two to four times a week, uses the nautilus equipment and bicycles, and hopes to use the tanning booths before she goes on spring break to the Bahamas. She said a fitness program not only helps her physically but "it gets me motivated and awake to do other things".

Scott Collins, a sophomore who takes Taekwondo from Park's School at the FFC, said training in a martial art such as Taekwondo helps him to feel more confident about himself, physically and mentally.

Both Collins and Kulp feel that space is the major problem at the FFC. Kulp feels that this is because everyone has the same free time and wants to use the equipment at the same time.

Both members feel the Franklin is an asset to the community. Collins said "it is a good local place where students can constructively spend their extra time."

survey

by Joy Coleman
& Kim Dugas

The below statistics are the results of a survey taken of 20 members and 20 nonmembers of the FFC throughout the community.

FRANKLIN MEMBERS

100% say the FFC is an asset to Durham
go to the FFC everyday
35% go to the FFC 1-3 times a week
50% go to the FFC 4-6 times a week

when asked what needed improvement at the FFC:
100% space accomadation
40% parking
20% lockerroom space

NON - MEMBERS

100% say FFC is an asset to Durham

80% say health and fitness are important to them
20% say health and fitness are very important to them

80% don't belong to another fitness club
20% belong to a different fitness club

asked why they aren't members:
50% say they have other activities
25% say the time isn't available
25% say the cost is too high

15% would like to become members of the FFC
85% would not want to become members of the FFC



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SPRING CALENDAR

april



by Jessica Gilsdorf

April 11-FRESHMAN DANCE-Girls tennis at Winnecunnet 3:30-Boys tennis VS. Winnecunnet 3:30,home-Chris Difford (squeeze) 1954-Darrell Martinee The Cosmic Muffin) WBCN, 1954-Andy Stewart (Big Country), 1958

12-T&F at Laconia 10:00-Junior Class Carwash-1940, Herbie Hancock

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14-Baseball at Somersworth-Boys tennis, VS. Portsmouth, home-Girls tennis at portsmouth,3:30 -1865, Lincoln assassinated

15-Softball, Timberlane, 4:00

17-T&F at Sanborn, 4:00-MUSICAL-CAKE in the gym

18-MUSICAL-baseball VS. Sanborn, home at 4:00-boys tennis at Exeter, 3:30-Girls tennis VS.Exeter, home at 3:30-Freshman class party at the works

19-MUSICAL-softball and baseball at Kennet,double header at 12:00

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22-girls tennis VS. Dover, home at 3:30-boys tennis at Dover, 3:30-softball VS. Dover, home at 4:00

21-Patriots Day

23-girls tennis at Somersworth at 3:30-boys tennis VS. Somersworth,home at 3:30-"Marvelous" Marvin Hagglar,1952-Robert A. Moog,1934(invented moog synthesis)

24-baseball and softball at Timberlane, 4:00-Bob Dylan,1941(Robert Allen Zimmerman)

25-boys tennis at Spaulding,3:30-girls tennis VS. Spaulding, home at 3:30

26-T&F at Spaulding at 10:00-Roger Taylor(DD),1960

27-Paul "Ace" Frehey (Kiss),1950-Daylight savings begins

28-softball and baseball at Sanborn 4:00-VACATION BEGINS-boys tennis at Winnacunnet 3:30

30-T&F at Concord,11:00-Baseball VS. somersworth,home at 4:00-Boys tennis at Portsmouth,3:30-Girls tennis VS. Portsmouth,home,3:30

3-Baseball VS. Dover,home-Boys tennis VS. St.Thomas, home,10:30-T&F at Laconia, (girls only),1:00

4-Kent State incident,Cambodia protest, 4 died-Tammy Wynette

5-Baseball and softball VS. St.Thomas,home at 4:00-Boys tennis VS. Exeter, home at 3:30-Girls tennis at Exeter, 3:30

6-T&F at Nashua (girls only)-Softball and Baseball at Dover, 4:00-Willie Mays 1931-Bob Segar 1946

7-WW2 ended,1945

8-Girls tennis at Dover, 3:30-SENIOR FOLLIES-Coke was invented,1886-Chris Frank,1951 (Talking Heads)

9-Girls tennis VS. Somersworth,3:30-Baseball VS. New market home,4:00-softball at Newmarket,7:00-SENIOR FOLLIES

10-SENIOR FOLLIES-(U2-1960)-Sid Vicious (Sex Pistols),1957

11-Bob Marley died,1981

12-Girls tennis at Sppaulding,3:30-Stevie Wonder, 1950

may



May 1-T&F at Keene (Boys only),1:00-MAYDAY!!!!

2-Girls tennis at Mt. St.Mary,4:00-Lou Gramm (Foreigner),1950

Editorials

by Josh Fitzgerald

I found it a little hard to swallow when I heard that President Reagan had cut government funds to college education by \$250 million. It would seem that he does not recognize the importance of education to the future of this country. How are we supposed to compete on the world market with a majority of the work force having only a high school diploma because they could not afford college? This alone reveals Mr. Reagan's shortsightedness and his lack of proper priorities. It gets worse.

A few weeks ago Mr. Reagan dropped the bombshell. He asked for \$100 million in funds to aid the contras in Central America. Kill a Commie for Mommie. Now, I recognize that the US is a world power representing one of the two dominate forms of government on earth. I also recognize the responsibility that goes with that. However, Mr. Reagan himself admitted that the contras had little hope for a victory of any sort. That is why he wants more aid. But with such a slim chance of victory, Mr. Reagan will likely step in just as we did in Viet Nam, and a war could well result. Personally, I'd rather go to college. The fate of Central America is hardly worth \$100 million to the US, let alone a war. And think what that money could do at home where it is really needed.

I call this policy of Reagan's the "Doughnut

Theory". He is building a huge outer ring of fortification (much to the pleasure of all the restless, trigger-happy, rebels without a cause that seem so prevalent today) while cutting back on domestic funds. The result is a doughnut: thick on the outside with a gaping hole in the middle.

It is fine that Mr. Reagan follows that wholesome American dream of blowing red commie pinkos into little bits, but he should wait until he can feed all of his people, educate them, and give them some hope for the future, or he may find himself defending a wasteland.

Quest for Liberty

by Steve West

How long do you wish to be an object of tyranny? Are you willing to sit back and allow your oppressors to assault your intellect, incarcerate your social life, and lay waste to your well-being?

If so, you needn't read any further. But if not; I urge you to join in revolt against such unlawful aggression.

It is, of course, intuitively obvious that I am calling for action against the criminal deeds of secondary instructors requiring timed evaluation of academic accomplishment. These teachers who require students to take tests, are more commonly known as "Malicious Exam Administering Nestors" (MEAN).

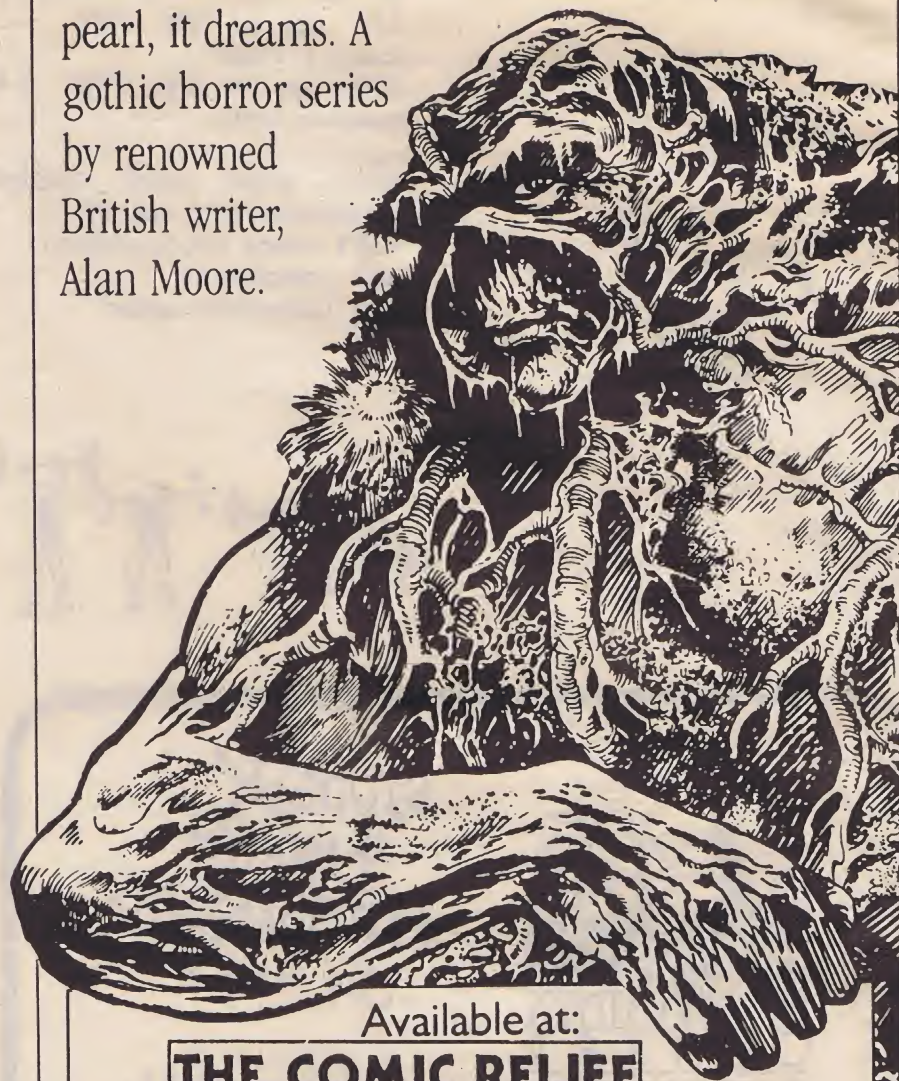
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OR Track-Ready to Run

by Josh Fitzgerald

The ORHS track coach Rich Hinkle expects a good season despite the loss of a few key athletes.

Last year, the team was armed with speedster sophomore Greg Tripp, who scored key points and set the school record of 50.12 in the 440. He also ran the anchor leg in the mile relay, and jumped well in the longjump. Also missing will be high jump class champ Cleveland "Howie" Howard, who transferred to Kimball Union Academy. He jumped consistently near the six-foot mark in winning his event.

Coach Rich Hinkle, a senior at UNH, will instead

be looking for key performances in the weight events and the distance squad.

"We could have a couple of milers in the 4:30s and 4:40s range, and freshman Mike Holmes should be formidable in the Deuce (the two mile)."

Hinkle went on to say that seniors Scott Hartzell and Mark Blakemore should do well in the weight events, and senior Sean Cox should be a contender in the high jump after jumping 6'4" this winter. He added that although there will be some gaping holes in the teams' armor, the season should be a good one.



Prom Tickets Sold

by Kristin Limber

The Junior Prom will be held on Saturday May 17 at Cocheco Country Club from 8-12 pm.

Greg Greenway, a band from Boston, will provide entertainment. According to Prom Committee Chairperson Kiri Gigley a light meal will be served.

Tickets cost \$20 per couple and are presently on sale in the cafeteria during both lunches until April 25.



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It has become increasingly apparent that such ruthless acts are detrimental to the physical health of the pupil (not to mention the severe mental anguish incurred). Recently, dozens of History students have been treated for chronic wrist pain resulting from an overabundance of essay writing. Many of these innocent victims, no longer able to raise eating utensils, are experiencing prolonged cases of malnutrition which may prove fatal. Also, countless math students have been rendered blind due to compass wounds suffered while attempting to construct geometric figures on an exam. And just last week, during a Chemistry test, two students were killed while exhaling profuse

quantities of C₂H₆O over a flaming bunsen burner. Nearly all pupils have been referred to the school psychiatric ward ensuing their cruel and unusual punishments.

The time to act is now. New chapters of the student activist organization "Malicious Exam Administering Nestors Emergency Relief" (MEANER) have been springing up across the country. I urge you to write to your Congressional Representatives and strive to preserve "Education Administered Sufficiently for Youth" (EASY) and once again become truly freed citizens of this great nation.

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teacher at ORMS, said, "They felt it was easier to relate to Kathy and Julie than an older person."

Wendi Gray, a fifth grader, thought that she would feel more comfortable turning down drugs than she did because, "Jim told us how bad they were if you took them." Gray's classmate, Cheri Comtois added, "you told us how bad they were and that you could lose friends."

Savage and Wyrick first became involved in the action against drug use when they conducted a poll of the ORHS student body. The results showed that 89% of high school students had used alcohol at one time. The girls felt something had to be done, therefore they started investigating the possibilities of talking with younger students.

Fifth grade teacher, Mr. Peter Shiot, expressed his concern with the drug situation in the community. He said he thought that the awareness (having high school students speak to classes) could be a possible deterrent. He added, "they (Savage, Wyrick, and Hall) got across the point that the decision is theirs,..., let's just hope they make the right one."



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Seacoast Dream Team

by Kathy Savage

Three members of the Bobcat hockey team represented Oyster River on the Seacoast Dream Team which competed against the Portland Area All-Stars on April 2 and 4.

Senior forward Jeff Kertzer as well as Senior goaltender Steve West got their final chance to compete in high school hockey in the home and away match-ups. Senior forward Tim Cavanaugh was also selected for the Dream Team but was unable to

participate due to a knee injury.

The New Hampshire squad was successful in its first outing with a 6-2 win at Dover Arena. Jeff Kertzer clinched the win with a goal in the third period. The NH team wasn't as lucky, however, in their second try. They lost to the Portland All-Stars by a score of 5-3.

The Dream Team was coached by Bill Beaney (coach at Berwick Academy), Greg Moffet (former UNH and Montreal Canadian



goaltender), and Oyster River coach D.J. Masi. Among the other schools represented on the team were Spaulding, St. Thomas, Somersworth, and

Winnicunnett.

West said, "It was a great opportunity to be a part of a team with so much talent. That's a great way to prepare for college hockey."

The Dream Team is chosen each year by the nine area coaches and recognized in Foster's Daily Democrat. This is the first year, however, that the Dream Team has become a reality with the selected players having the opportunity to skate as a team.

Swim Team takes the States

by Kristin Limber

The Oyster River High School Varsity Swim Team became state champions for the third year in a row, on Saturday, February 15.

Fourteen teams participated in the finals and Oyster River placed first defeating second place team Concord by 200 points and third place team Portsmouth by 217 points.

The championship meet included both swimming and diving events. Junior Greg Bradshaw won the diving events overall for the boys and Senior Beth Fuller took second for the girls. Junior Michele Jacobson took sixth.

Oyster River set five New Hampshire state meet records. Matt Carrico, with a time of 1:52:57, won the 200 yards freestyle. Sue Ogden won the 100 yards freestyle with a time of

56:38. Doug Bothner set the record in the 100 yards freestyle for the boys with a time of 51:57, and the record for the girls 500 yards freestyle was set by Becca Carrico. Oyster River also set the record for the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:34:25.

This year is the first year swimming has been a varsity sport. The team has been active for three years and has been undefeated.

Senior Rob Stevens said, "Its great having swimming as a Varsity sport, it gives swimmers a chance to be recognized as other teams have been in the past."

The girls' first match was on April 9 at Home against Mt. St. Mary's at 4:00 but was cancelled because of the rain. On Friday, April 11 the girls have an away match against Winnacunnett at 3:30.

Some of the boy's team members include seniors Guy Gunnar and Garth Swanson, Bill Colon, Juniors Brad Yuan and Jon Shar and Freshman Rich Matusow. The boy's coach is Peggy Hylton.

The boy's first match is home on April 11 against Winnacunnett.

The team is optimistic of the season. Senior Guy Swanson added "I feel we have a very strong team this year. Our top seven players are very sound tennis players. We should make the tournament again."

Softball Hits the Field

by Jeff Kertzer

On April 10 the Girls Softball Team was handed its second loss of the season from Pelham High School by a score of 17-4.

In their previous games the Bobcats have won one and lost one. Losing to Bishop Brady by a score of 20-4 and beating Exeter 13-7.

Coach Don Maynard, who is with the Bobcats for the first season, felt differently about all three games. "In the first game we had the jitters. In our second game the team played very well together. But against Pelham the team did not as a team, that's why we lost."

Senior Beth Fuller commented, "Against Pelham, we didn't have our heads in the game, we were over confident."

According to Maynard, "Junior Heidi Carlson and Sophomore Laura Mussulman played very consistently throughout the whole game."

With a record of 1-2 the Bobcats will host Timberlane on April 15. Maynard hopes to cut down on the number of errors against Timberlane.

Keeping his goal in mind of making the playoffs Maynard said, "We cannot afford to lost to teams that we have the ability to beat if we want to make the playoffs."



Tennis Season Opens

by Dina Vasiliou

The Boys' and Girls' Tennis Team started off the season with scrimmages.

The Girls' team played a scrimmage against Phillips Exeter at Phillips Exeter, and then another scrimmage against the Dover Boys last Friday April 7 at the Woodridge Courts. The Boys' team had a scrimmage against Kennett. Despite the losses of the scrimmages both teams are looking forward to the rest of the season.

Junior Debby Matusow

said, "I think we should do just as well as last year because we have some new strong players and our team has great potential!"

Last years' top 6 seeds were Matusow first, Junior Darryl Arrighi second, Graduate Kathy Lauten third, Senior Mary Kleine fourth, Senior Jo Michel fifth, and Junior Karen Rogers sixth.

One member stated that the top 6 seeds play which count for the teams' score. The other matches don't count for the teams score. The Girls coach is Carol Haaland.

Baseball Opens with High Hopes

by Mark Blakemore

The Bobcat baseball team beat Pelham 13-1 in their home opener on April 8. The Bobcats had ten base hits in the 5 1/2 innings played. The game was called due to darkness.

Sophomore Ray Goodman pitched the entire game for the Bobcats, allowing only four hits and striking out eight batters.

Coach Scott Anderson praised Seniors Carl Sobocinski and Jon Clark for "good offensive effort". Clark was walked four times in the game while Sobocinski brought in two runs on a Python error. Anderson also cited Senior Steve West for "An awesome catch at first

base."

The Bobcats, now 1-1, faced off with Somersworth on Monday, April 14 at Somersworth. Anderson said Somersworth "has a nice field and they're well coached."

Good Track

by Cris-Jon Lindsay

The Varsity girls' track team faced off against Kearsarge and Laconia at their first meet on Saturday, April 12 at Laconia.

Joyce Anderson, a track member, placed first in the 200 meter and Grace Murphy

placed second in the two mile, placing second overall.

Grace Murphy and Jenn Stevens both feel that they will "do a lot better in our next meet then in the first".

The teams next meet is Thursday, April 17 at Somersworth.